APHORISMS

Prior to 9/12/37

1. Consciousness without an object is Consciousness which
contains within it the polarized subject-object consciousness.

2. Pure Nirvanic Consciousness is Consciousness without an
object in which subject-object consciousness is annulled.

3. Consciousness without an object is Divine Consciousness.

4. Consciousness without an object is the Void (Shunyata)
which comprehends Nivana as well as the subject-object world.

5. Consciousness without an object is the noetic aspect of
THAT which in the affective sense is the High Indifference.

6. Ordinary or relative consciousness is pre-occupied with
objects or contents.

7. Relative consciousness is contained in a larger Conscious-
ness which may be called Consciousness without an object or
field of consciousness.

8. When relative consciousness leads to the identification of
the self with objects or contents the result is bondage.

9. He who has bound his identity in Consciousness without an
object is freed from bondage to objects.

10. Consciousness without an object permits the presence or
absence of contents.

11. The presence of contents results in awareness on the
Sangsaric path.

12. The absence of contents is the Nirvanic state.

13. The state of the irrelevance of the presence or absence
of contents is Shunyata or the High Indifference.

14. Consciousness without objects is pure Space or the Space-I.

15. The contents within Consciousness without an object are
real voids.

16. To ordinary consciousness bound to objects, Consciousness
without an object seems like a Void, but in reality it is
utter Fullness.

17. What man loves in woman is Eros, the quality which is
unconscious in him as man.

18. What woman loves in man is Logos, the quality which is
unconscious in her as woman.

19. Eros is the Celestial Virgin, the Amrita, the Current of
Bliss, the Divine Mother.

20. Logos is Consciousness as Wisdom, God as the Father or
as Significance.
21. To realize self-identity in Consciousness without an object is to be one with the Amrita and with Significance at their parent-source.

22. Recognition first implies contraction toward a point or zero-state which, when attained, is realized as Space or Infinity.

23. In relative terms this seems first as contraction to evanescence and then expansion without limit.

24. From the standpoint of relative consciousness the self seems to be contained within a surrounding universe.

25. From the standpoint of Consciousness without an object the universe is realized as contained within the Self.

26. For him who has attained Liberation the universe is destroyed as the seeming conditioner of the self; it remains as a phenomenal existence within the Self, when attention is directed to it.

27. In my thought I could dispense with the concept of God, as it is generally conceived by man, and lose nothing that is essential.

28. I could not dispense with the concepts of a trans-temporal Reality nor of a trans-human Consciousness.

29. By human consciousness I mean a consciousness led by desire and cast into the form of concepts.

30. The trans-human Consciousness is non-sensory, desireless and thoughtless, but it may be reflected through desire, thought, feeling and sensation.

31. The religious feeling is essentially the feeling for the "depth quality" in consciousness.

32. Religious movements, practices, institutions, etc, when properly understood, exist for the awakening of the depth-quality in human consciousness.

33. Individually, when on the Cosmic level of Consciousness, is blended with Universal Consciousness.

34. It is a mistake to regard that individuality as embodied in the sense in which we understand bodies in the world-field.

35. This individuality may be suggested by the radio-waves which go forth from a station into a space filled with many other wave systems, yet retaining their identity.

36. We may thus think of many individualities co-extensive with the same Space.

37. Force is that which unites the Universal and Unitary with particulars and manifolds.
38. The consciousness of Force corresponds to consciousness in the transitional or intermediate (Bardo) state.

39. Consciousness exists in three phases: (a) Consciousness as such; (b) Consciousness as Force; (c) Consciousness as content.

40. Evolution proceeds in a dual form: (a) as progressive development of the latent powers of a level of consciousness, and (b) as discrete steps from one level of being to another.

41. The progressive development may be regarded as an unfoldment in explicit form of the potentialities of a given level, such as the elaboration of a mathematical system from its postulates.

42. The discrete steps from one level to another have the significance of a sudden awakening or of an act of transcendence.

43. Different monads enter upon the human cycle of evolution at different points in time in a given world-period.

44. Evolution on the human level introduces the factor of self-induced efforts, resulting in variable degrees in the rate of progress of different individuals.

45. From (40,b), (43) and (44) it follows that human beings must classify into various strata or classes.

46. Owing to the diverse needs of different classes, particularly of a psychical nature, some insulation of classes in the social structure is a necessity.

47. Once an unified outlook is attained it is not difficult for organized labor to realize dominant power.

48. It is at least ten times as difficult to learn how to use that power wisely.

49. The searcher seeks Meaning through ideas.

50. The Knower uses ideas to embody a pre-existent Meaning.

51. The Liberated Consciousness does not even have need of ideas either to seek for or reveal Meaning.

52. The Liberated Consciousness is content with the Soundless Sound alone.

53. I predicate:
   a. That Reality, Substantiality and God are to be found in a direction or by a valuation that is the reverse of the customary focusing of human consciousness;
   
   b. That all objects whether of the sensibility or the understanding are unreal and insubstantial or, in other words, voids in an universal plenum;
   
   c. That objects veil while representing the Real;
   
   d. That the objects of sensibility veil more than the objects of understanding;
e. That the more abstract the object of understanding the less it veils;

f. That pure mathematics veils the Real and Substantial least of all relative modes of consciousness.

54. Primordial consciousness is not to be understood as being the consciousness of some kind of Being.

55. Primordial Consciousness is like a primeval and unorganized Substance from which organized states of consciousness may be developed, as organized matter may come from primeval matter.

56. Primordial Consciousness is a plenum of consciousness spreading everywhere like Space.

57. Primordial Consciousness is consciousness above all Gods where there is neither a self nor an object.

58. Within the Sea of Primordial Consciousness, consciousness as of a self that is aware of objects lies like a floating island.

59. When self-consciousness is united with the Sea of Primordial Consciousness the final labor of man as man is accomplished.

60. Knowledge, as distinguished from pure consciousness, is awareness integrated by a self-conscious self.

61. Thus consciousness conscious of itself is knowledge regardless of whether the consciousness was in the form of concepts or otherwise.

62. This affords a basis of speaking of a transcendental or noetic Knowledge which is non-conceptual and not objective.

63. Severance from possession is elimination of restriction.

64. To lose the ponderable is to gain the Substantial.

65. To be attached to bodies is to veil the Spacial Reality.

66. He is wise who sees in every loss a new opportunity.

67. Failure to attain a finite goal may open the way to Immortal Victory.

68. He who would life must die.

69. The hour of extremity is the time of greatest opportunity.

70. The Eternal Light is darkness to finite man.

71. Pain opens the door to Ecstasy.

72. Through agony exaltation may be attained.